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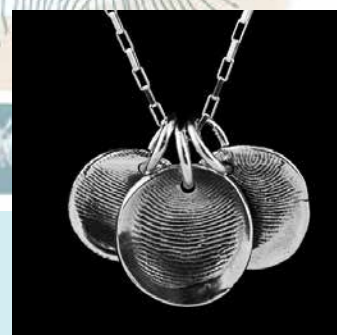
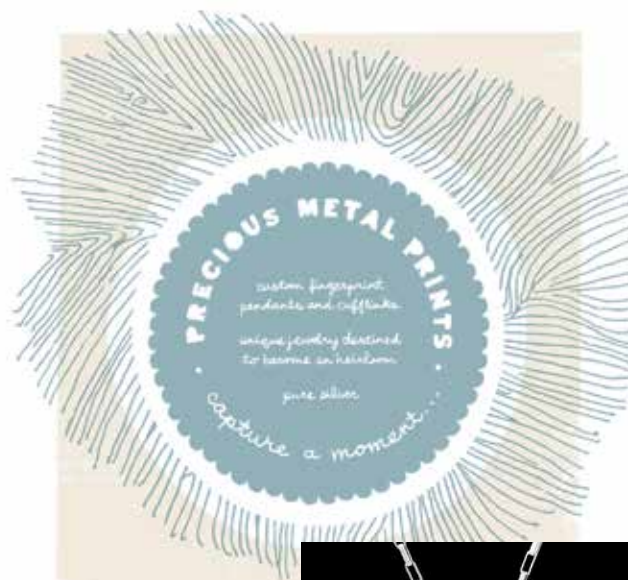
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Mattapoisett Police Give Check to Charity

By Jean Perry

The Mattapoisett Police Officer's Association presented the proceeds from their annual Charity Golf Tournament to its recipient, Cops for Kids with Cancer, on December 9 during a noontime ceremony at the police station.

Cops for Kids with Cancer Chairman of the Board Robert Flaherty braved the wind and rain to travel from Braintree to Mattapoisett to accept the \$2,000 donation that will go towards assisting the families of children battling cancer.

Flaherty said his colleague and friend John Dow, now a retired captain of the Boston Police Department, was diagnosed with cancer in 1980 and survived his battle. But the ordeal was distressing for Dow and his family so Dow, acknowledging the devastation his family

experienced, tried to imagine what a family with a child diagnosed with cancer must have to go through.

That was when Dow approached Flaherty with the idea of raising money for the families of police officers with a child battling cancer.

The charity stems from its roots in camaraderie – and a little golf rivalry between Dow's Boston Police team



The Mattapoisett Police Officer's Association presented a giant check in the amount of \$2,000 to Robert Flaherty of Cops for Kids with Cancer on December 9. The proceeds of the Mattapoisett Police Charity Golf Tournament held October 6 funded the donation. Photo by Jean Perry

On the Cover: The Rochester Memorial School chorus entertains a crowd of a few hundred revelers and Santa Claus fans with Christmas carols on December 8 during the annual tree lighting at Town Hall. Photo by Felix Perez

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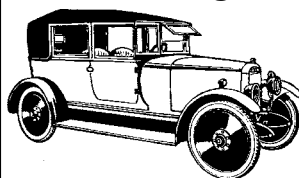
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and the members of Garda Siochana of Ireland. They held the first charity golf tournament for Cops for Kids with Cancer, and donated the proceeds to children at Mercy Hospital. Year after year, more money was raised and more hospitals were included in the donations list.

Dow passed away in 2007 and left a legacy of giving – and golf – that has become a tradition for many.

“John’s dream was that every police officer who had a child with cancer would be taken care of,” said Flaherty. Eventually, with more funds available, the charity spread across New England and to other families with children battling cancer, not just necessarily those of police officers.

Now, a single family receives \$5,000 from the organization, and it has donated \$5,000 to a total of 330 families over the years. One hundred-percent of the proceeds go to the families.

“And everyone’s a volunteer,” said Flaherty. “Nobody [volunteering] gets a dime.”

Mattapoisett Police Chief Mary Lyons said this was the first charity golf tournament the Mattapoisett Police Officer’s Association has held in several years.

“We used to have it 15 years ago, but we stopped,” said Lyons. “The interest waned.”

Patrolmen Turner Ryan and Adalberto “Junior” Cardoso thought it would be fun to renew the golf tournament tradition and spearheaded the charity golf tournament effort, choosing Cops for Kids with Cancer as



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the beneficiary of the proceeds.

"We wanted an organization that kind of hit home for us," said Ryan. They considered donating to St. Jude's or the Jimmy Fund, but the Cops for Kids with Cancer practice of donating 100-percent of all proceeds to the families appealed to them.

Cardoso said he liked the idea of reestablishing the golf tournament and that "it would be a great time to raise money."

Flaherty formally accepted the donation, along with the customary enormous novelty check written out to the organization in the amount of \$2,000.

If you would like to make a donation to Cops for Kids with Cancer, you can write a check and send it to P.O. Box 850956, Braintree, MA 02185, or visit the website www.copsforkidswithcancer.org.

Christmas on Little Island

By Jean Perry

This Christmas, you might notice the twinkling lights of Christmas trees on yonder "Little Island" in



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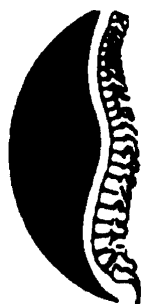
Sippican Harbor at night – a sight never beheld before. But, thanks to advances in technology, the Christmas Spirit now resides on the small, rocky, uninhabited island that is owned by Jay Wurts and located in the inner harbor in Marion.

"For the first time in history, Little Island has been illuminated," said Catherine Lacause.

You can see the little illuminated island from Island Wharf. The island sits about 600 feet from the dock at Wurts' residence at 49 Water Street.

"Catherine kept saying it would be a very good idea to light the trees this year," said Wurts. "So we started in October and it took a while..."

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The lights on Little Island glimmer and gleam, reflecting off the black, nighttime surface of the water like a Christmas dream, mesmerizing the couple every night after dark.

"Instead of sitting by our fireplace in the winter, we sit here and watch our lights," said Wurts.

And what do the couple's neighbors think about the lights of Little Island?

"They all love it," said Wurts, pointing out that many of his neighbors string up lights along their houses and flag poles, but not like the little trees on Little Island – that is something special to Wurts and Lacause.

Residents that live along the waterfront have been calling him up and wondering what is going on, remarking on the beauty of the lights in the middle of the harbor.

Wurts said one person recently told him that the lights on Little Island guided his vessel safely into the harbor one night, since the Coast Guard had turned off the lighted buoys for the winter.

"They must have been very surprised [by the lights]," said Wurts. "They aren't marked on the navigational chart."

Wurts and Lacause used a 16-foot boat hook and tediously got the lights strung onto the trees – trees that had been growing back since Hurricane Bob blew away the older ones that once stood on the island 23 years ago.

"It's already survived three 40-knot storms," said Wurts, although a week of stormy weather lay ahead to test the durability of the couple's display. Hopefully, by

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the end of the stormy week, the lights at Little Island will continue to shine, guiding boats through the harbor and residents toward a Merry Christmas.

Local Man is a World Champion

By Jean Perry

Marcio Silva of Marion still cannot believe it. For him, being regarded as the best Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu fighter in his division in the world still feels like a dream. How was it possible that he could go from an overweight worker stuck in an unfulfilling job to first place winner in the International Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Federation World Championship and living his dream of owning his own

martial arts school?

"Because anybody can achieve what they put their mind to, pretty much," said Silva. "Jiu-Jitsu changed my life and way of thinking for the better."

When Silvia, 41, was five years old he began to learn Judo until he was 15. By the time he reached adulthood, he had stopped practicing Judo, got married, had two children, and worked at his family's local rental company.

"I just didn't have time to do anything," said Silva, although the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) had piqued his interest and he heard about Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, which appealed to him. "I was 240 pounds overweight, so I said, 'I have to do something about this.'"

He took a class in 2008 and immediately found his calling.

For those who are unfamiliar with Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, it is more than a martial art. BJJ is also considered a sport and a self-defense system with a focus on grappling and floor fighting. But for those who practice BJJ, it enhances physical fitness and builds character. It is a lifestyle, a way of existence.

"I tried a free class, and I never stopped doing it," said Silva. "I just grabbed onto it and fell in love with it."

Silva trained hard, with unwavering effort, and quickly progressed from white belt to blue belt to purple and to brown – a process that takes, on average, eight

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to ten years with hard work and consistent training. But Silva did it in about half the time, starting his first class in 2008 and then winning the world championship just six years later in 2014.

He trained with some of the best BJJ instructors in the world, traveling to Brazil and across the globe to work with other World Champions like Caio Terra, Marcelo Garcia, Ruben "Cobrinha" Charles, and Andre "Dedeco" Almeida.

He competed in several competitions every year and eventually began coaching children aged five to ten, as well as adults, and opened his own training center in New Bedford called Xcel Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

It was not an easy road for Silva, though. He said



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his regular daytime job was really getting in the way of his training and competitions, which was discouraging for him. He experienced a few injuries along the way, too. Nothing terribly serious, said Silva, but there was pain that came with the gain.

"If you're not getting injured, you're not working hard enough," said Silva.

Silva entered competitions and, win after win, started to make a name for himself. He even won first place in the absolute blue belt division of one competition. Silva, at 160 pounds, beat a fellow blue belt weighing 270 pounds.

In 2013, Silva joined the IBJJF World Championship in Long Beach California and lost during his first round of fighting. He had no idea that next year in 2014, he would be walking away as the World Champion.

He flew out unaccompanied to Long Beach this year, alone, wondering to himself, "How am I going to do this?" Other fighters arrived with their entourages, friends, and families. Silva, although on his own, knew his wife Carla and children Marciano, 18, and Cayla, 16, were cheering him on, waiting for updates online from the IBJJF website, which lost its live feed during the fight.

Round after round, match after match, Silva fought his way to the top to that incredible moment on November 2 when he was announced IBJJF World Champion.

"Wow!" said Silva. "It was a shock!" He said he just kept questioning reality. Is it real? Am I dreaming? Could this be real?

It is still just starting to set in for Silva. He said Brazilian Jiu Jitsu has humbled him, given him confidence – changed his life.

"Now all of a sudden I have a school, I'm a fighter," said Silva. "I'm blessed, pretty much. I'm really blessed."

Silva said, modestly, he expects his BJJ Master Dedeco will award Silva with a black belt in the next couple of weeks. He is anticipating competing in the IBJJF World Championship in 2015 as a black belt. Until then, Silva will continue on with his mission of competing and

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"I am going to keep coaching people. What it (BJJ) does for peoples' lives is just amazing. It just changes you," said Silva. "I want them to experience what I experienced, and achieve what I achieved ... that's what I'm after."

Wastewater Woe in Marion

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Members of the Marion Board of Selectmen were concerned December 9 about a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would essentially eliminate the Town's use of the Marion Wastewater Treatment Plant Sewage Lagoons.

The problem, stated Town Administrator Paul Dawson, is that Marion's sewer plant was designed and built around the utilization of the three large sewage lagoons located at the end of Benson Brook Road.

"This is going to be very problematic, to say the least," said Dawson, calling the news startling.

Dawson said engineers for the Town have been busy since last Friday reviewing the matter and engaging in teleconferences with state EPA officials in an effort to understand new water quality levels that Dawson said were far below the levels even the latest technology could produce. Dawson said he did not know if this was due to an oversight in the preparation of the preliminary draft NPDES permit, and only time will tell as new information reaches his office.

"We've known for a long time that this was coming," said Dawson, avoiding the minutia of the technical aspects of the draft NPDES permit for the time being. However, if the Town was compelled to cease the use of the sewage lagoons, Dawson said it would cost roughly \$10 million to replace it, costing more than the current facility cost to build.

"It's not surprising," said Chairman Jonathan Henry. He said that although he feels the Town has made advancements relative to the sewage system, "technology doesn't stand still."



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Dawson asked the selectmen to authorize him to request that the EPA grant an extension of the public comment period from 30 days to 180 days, but he said he would settle for 90 days. The board approved Dawson's request.

In other news, the Board of Assessors, during its annual classification hearing, told selectmen that the tax rate will remain unchanged for the coming year, with one flat tax rate to continue for both residential and commercial.

"It makes no sense to change it," said Town Clerk Ray Pickles. Selectman Stephen Cushing concurred, and Henry commented that businesses would be adversely affected by a shift of the tax burden from residents to businesses during a time when it is "trying to promote it."

Also during the meeting, selectmen declined to act on the approval of a conservation restriction for 105 Allens Point Road, wanting to know more details about any negative impacts –

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family's inherited property, asked the board to approve a conservation restriction that would prohibit any future development on the waterfront property, but selectmen were reluctant to make a motion before taking the matter under consideration.

Several parties spoke in favor of the request, including Marion Conservation Commission Chairman Norman Hills and Sippican Lands Trust President Chris Bryant; however, all three selectmen were hung up on any possible legal repercussions, asking for an opinion from town counsel to determine to what extent the public would benefit from an approval.

"I've never asked for a legal opinion on conservation restrictions," stated Dawson, clarifying that this was not a legal decision, rather a public policy decision.

Mark Robinson, executive director at the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, speaking on behalf of Watson, pointed out that the conservation restriction is in alignment with Marion's Open Space & Recreation Plan of preserving the natural resources of the town.

Despite all the advocating in favor of the conservation restriction, when Henry called for a motion to approve, Cushing and Selectman Jody Dickerson shook their heads no. The board will take the matter under further advisement and possibly add it to the agenda of an upcoming joint meeting of the Tri-Town Selectmen scheduled for December 15 at 7:00 pm in the ORR Media Room to discuss Comcast contract negotiations.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **December 30** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

Pedestrians, Sidewalks, Trees ... and Cats

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

What do walking trails, sidewalks, bike paths, trees and pedestrians have in common? If you ask Bonne DaSousa, just about everything would be her answer.

DaSousa came before the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen during the December 9 meeting and outlined the need to establish a new committee to



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develop a "Complete Streets Certification Program," as recommended by the Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District.

DaSousa recently attended a SRPEDD conference on the Complete Streets Program, a program that would accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists and would be funded by federal and state money to the tune of \$50 million dollars.

She suggested dividing the town into sectors, each one with its own subcommittee, which would look at the pedestrian needs of their sector, the current state of trails and sidewalks, as well as future needs, wants and desires. These subcommittees would then come together to share information and work on the larger full-town



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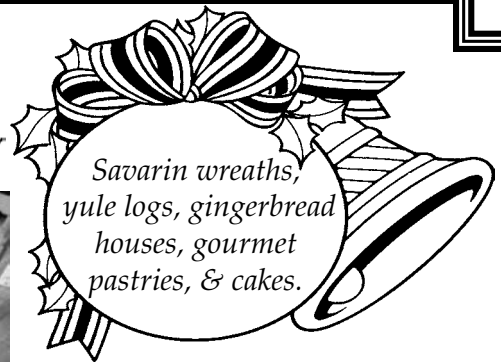
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plan.

And there are many challenges. DaSousa noted the gaps in the network of walking trails in land trust parcels and public lands, the bike path, and sidewalks, as well as difficulties presented by Route 6 and North Street, both of which are major traffic corridors with significant pedestrian movement.

DaSousa said it would take some years to fully implement a Complete Streets Plan that could connect the village with the north side of town with the coastal areas and so forth, but that a plan was necessary for Mattapoisett to get in line for funding.

Selectman Paul Silva suggested that the best way to start would be to bring this new committee under the Bike Path Committee. Town Administrator Michael Gagne suggested that Highway Superintendent Barry Denham be part of this new committee given his expertise and knowledge of all things roads.

DaSousa will bring the information back to the next meeting of the Bike Path Committee. This topic tied in to Gagne's report on the work of the Tree Committee. He said a recent survey of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street, and Marion Road had been conducted and that the Tree Committee was asked to evaluate all the trees along these roads.

Not a small task, he said. The Tree Committee's report was then given to the state engineers the town has been working with for their comments. Once the state has completed its review, public hearings would be conducted to give the general public opportunity to understand the work that was needed along these historic streets.

Gagne said the town needed to have a 25 percent completed design for the village re-development plan in order to be eligible for Transportation Improvement Program funding. Silva asked Denham when the road design would be completed. Denham said that first they needed to complete the stormwater management plan, a critical component to roadway improvement in the village areas. He said that Field Engineering was nearing completion of that portion of the design work and then they would move into the roadways and sidewalks. He anticipated the 25 percent design to be done within the

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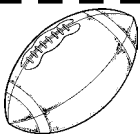


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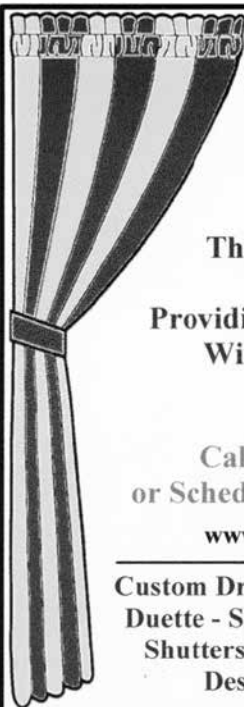


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Tree Warden Roland Cote was on hand as Gagne spoke to the pruning and tagging of trees and limbs that NSTAR has been doing along scenic roadways throughout town. Gagne said that he and Cote went on a field trip and found many trees tagged for either complete removal or heavy pruning. He and Cote were alarmed and concerned that without oversight by the Town, the subcontracted tree cuttings might be too harsh, leaving behind damaged trees.

Gagne said the Planning Board needed to be involved, along with the Tree Committee and Cote, to ensure that the town comes up with a plan supported by good documentation so that they could work more closely with the NSTAR arborist.

The federal government is now fining utilities if it can prove that poor management of trees within their easements were the cause of electrical outages during storm events. Gagne will send a letter to NSTAR advising it of the need to work closely with the Town during pruning operations.

"I know how much this community loves their trees," said Gagne. "We need to make sure what we do is right and not over-kill."

Kathy Costello, principal assessor, addressed the board upon the request of Silva to share with the public the work just completed on updated tax classification and the hearing that had preceded the selectmen's meeting.

She said that over the past year, her team reviewed the town's tax base and rate schedule. The end result is that the new rate is set at \$13 per thousand without a split rate. Costello said that Mattapoisett is about 95 percent residential versus commercial, and a split rate would have put a burden on the small number of businesses in town. The new rate is 2.2 percent higher than last year.

Earlier in the meeting when the board was discussing streets and sidewalks, Silva had asked Costello if the GIS system could be overlaid with the FEMA flood plain maps. She said they were, but at the present time, that was not available to the public.

Silva questioned why not and insisted it was



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public information; therefore, the public should have access. Costello said that she preferred to get the input of the building inspector and other departments before giving the general public that type of access.

Silva seemed miffed by that, since the public already can get the information from the FEMA website. The concern is that residents will become outraged if their property was now in a flood zone location where previously it may not have been deemed as such, and the resulting impact on departments in Town Hall.

In other business, the board appointed three new members to the Capital Planning Committee – Gerald Johnson for an at-large position (returning to the committee after a seven year hiatus), Michael DeBuc to represent construction topics (a new resident in town with a background in capital expenditures as the CFO of Morse Brothers Inc, a cranberry grower located in Easton and in Canada), and Robert Ball as alternate (retired aircraft engineer with Northrup Grumman).

Then things went to the cats. Gagne asked the selectmen to consider a cat registry at Town Hall. He said that when a cat is lost or found, it is very difficult to reunite the pet with its owner because there isn't a licensing policy in Massachusetts for felines.

Gagne said that with a full-time Animal Control Department and a voluntary registration program with no associated fees, it would not overburden the department. Gagne was given permission to move forward with the plan.

In upcoming events: the annual tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in Shipyard Park; the winter farmers' market will be open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 13 in the ORRJHS gym with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving by fire engine at 11:00 am; on January 12, 2015 at 3:15 pm the public is cordially invited to attend the Mattapoisett School District's celebration of receiving a 'Commendation School' recognition from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The event will be held at Old Hammondtown School.

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One Thing Leads To Another

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Highway Superintendent Barry Denham came to the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission meeting on December 8 to discuss the application filed by Field Engineering for the removal of the decrepit culvert on Acushnet Road. But, as oftentimes is the case, one thing leads to another.

Denham told the commission that it was important to remove the culvert before winter storms cause more damage and that if the headwalls of the culvert should collapse, a much bigger problem might follow – flooding of the surrounding area. He will return in two weeks with more information on the work needed.

His attendance gave him the opportunity to bring up another issue – the Brandt Island Road subdivision.

Denham reported that he witnessed street construction taking place on Nantucket Drive that he believed was in violation of orders from the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. He said the road had been extended another 250 feet beyond the existing road; however, drainage problems should have been

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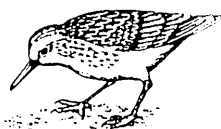
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addressed before more roadwork took place, he said.

ConCom Chairman Bob Rogers told Denham that the Planning Board had jurisdiction over the roadwork and the drainage system, but Denham countered by saying, "Boards should work together ... I believe it's important for [boards] to know what is going on - on these projects."

Rogers tried to truncate the topic, but Denham said, "I thought it was prudent to bring it up." Rogers said he was not willing to continue without the developer being present.


Conservation Agent Elizabeth Leidhold confirmed to Rogers that reclamation areas should have been completed before more roadwork was done and that it was part of their Order of Conditions. Denham was thanked for his report.

Daniel Eilertsen of 20 Water Street, represented by Engineer David Davignon, came before the commission regarding an 82-foot landscape wall. The dry-laid stone wall received a negative determination, but the applicant was asked to call the conservation office when construction began.

Daniel Oliver, 40 Water Street, also represented by Davignon, filed a Notice of Intent to provide beach nourishment consisting of the placement of 25 cubic yards of beach sand above the mean high water line. Oliver received a standard Order of Conditions and must provide grain analysis for every repeated fill in the future.

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James and Debra Jones, 3 Cove Street, represented by Engineer Richard Charon, came before the commission with their Notice of Intent to raze the existing dwelling and construct a new single-family home, pile-supported with a velocity zone foundation. The Joneses have purchased additional land abutting the original lot, giving them additional footage to construct a slightly larger structure. They received an Order of Conditions and must also plant additional beach grass patches on the property.

Charon also represented Blue Wave, LLC with their continued Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for a solar farm on Crystal Spring Road due to stormwater management plans that had to be changed.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection mandated that the applicant use newer stormwater calculations that require all acreage covered by solar panels be considered non-permeable. This is a change in policy for the MassDEP and came as a surprise to the applicant. Blue Wave had asked for clarification of the change, but instead received a response that the regulations are 'evolving' and thus the new calculations were necessary.

They developed a new plan that seems to make the water volume more than the system can handle.

"It's a numbers game," said Rogers. He said the plan modifications made the numbers look more conservative. He assured those in attendance that the plan would be more than adequate to handle water in spite of



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Rogers did not think a new Order of Conditions was necessary because that the conditions already in place were sufficient, but he would have liked a letter from the DEP acknowledging that they initiated the change. Charon said that, although such a letter had been requested, the DEP had thus far been unresponsive.

In the absence of a letter from the DEP, the commission requested that Town Engineer Gary James review the updated calculations to confirm their accuracy. Blue Wave produced a check in the amount of \$1,000 to cover those additional costs.

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of calculating stormwater drainage system designs. Tina Davies of the DEP confirmed to Crystal Spring Road resident Peter Wolski that the regulations are in fact evolving. Davies told Wolski the change was due to problems with solar projects in other areas.

Wolski implored the commission to find out more. He felt the commission should be interested in why the DEP is revising their policy. Rogers said it was “unprecedented.”

Blue Wave’s hearing was continued for another two weeks to give James sufficient time to review the new calculations.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conversation Commission is scheduled for **December 22** at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Sippican School Prepares for PARCC

Marion School Committee

By Jean Perry

Putting five school committee members in front of a Chromebook and telling them to make the angry bird chase the pig yields a more interesting Marion School Committee meeting – at least for a little while, anyway. Long enough on December 3 for the committee members to explore a few of the 345 new Chromebooks the Old Rochester Regional School District recently purchased.

Committee members took a shot at some online coding by spending a few minutes on the website code.org, which students will use one hour per week dedicated to learning how to code.

School Committee Chairman Joseph Scott’s face – lit by the glow of the open Chromebook before him – smiled as he followed along with Superintendent Doug White’s instructions to make the angry bird chase the pig.

The Chromebooks are also a tool that the four Tri-Town school districts will use to administer the new PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment in later months of the 2014/2015 school year to grades 3 through 11.

Assistant Superintendent Elise Frangos, who recently attended a PARCC workshop at Bridgewater State University, said “PARCC readiness” for both

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students and teachers is currently a priority. She referred to "waves of training" that will be forthcoming.

Frangos said that during her day in Bridgewater, she had the opportunity to sit and take the English Language portion of PARCC for grades 3 through 6.

"Just to find out what it feels like," said Frangos. She urged parents to visit the ORR homepage and click on the link for sample PARCC tests so they, too, can experience the new assessment their children will be taking. "Not that these tests are a barrel of fun," Frangos said eliciting a few laughs. "[But] these are lively tests," she continued. "Very unlike the MCAS."

Frangos also touched upon the Old Rochester Regional High School's latest achievement of making

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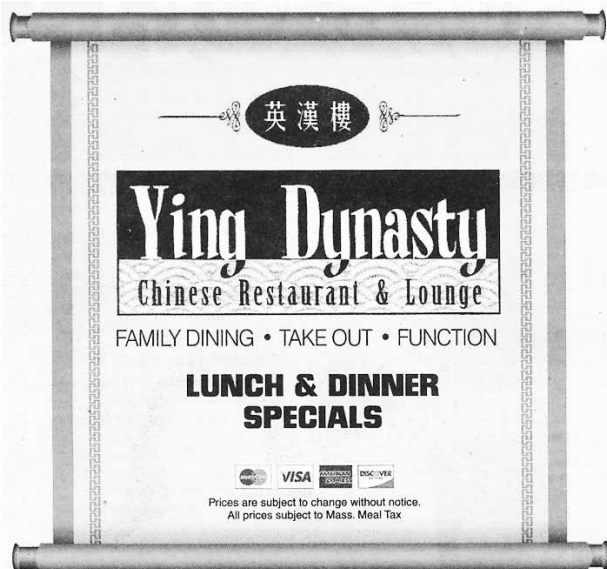
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Talk to your students and children, suggested Frangos. Make AP classes part of the conversation and plant the seed to succeed "and to believe in themselves with that mindset that they can achieve..."

Frangos said the central administration is looking for ways to assess what the school is doing well, in regards to the AP program, and how it can move forward and expand to include more Special Education students with IEPs and 504 Plans.

"Because everybody can succeed at AP," said Frangos.

Also during the meeting, discussion of Marion's 40B housing development was brief due to the limited information available at the time of the meeting. The lottery was to be held that same night as the meeting, and White reported that after reviewing the data available from the families' applications, there lies the potential for 35 school-age children to move into the Marion School District. How many will actually move in was still unknown at the time.

There has been a slight delay in the availability of the 30 units, however, with completion pushed back into mid-February to early March, still a relatively short time for Fiscal Year 2016 budget consideration.

"But we need to think about that as we move forward," said White.

The committee approved a budget transfer totaling \$38,619.29 involving adjustments to salaries from changes in staff.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for **January 7** at 6:30 pm at the Marion Town House.

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RMS Explores 'Flextime' Option
Rochester School Committee
By Jean Perry

Rochester Memorial School Principal Derek Medeiros knows what direction he wants to take in order to lead his school toward the same success other elementary schools in Tri-Town achieved, with the first step being the establishment of "flextime" into the daily routine.

School administrators are crediting flextime within Center School, Old Hammondtown, and Sippican School for the success in high MCAS scores and the schools' designations as commendation schools.

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Flextime entails breaking classes into smaller groups according to student learning levels, to work with different teachers within their grade on different subjects during the day. The only challenge to getting this off the ground, says Medeiros, will be how to fit it into the schedule.

"Because any struggle in every school is time," Medeiros said during the December 4 Rochester School Committee meeting.

Medeiros said another approach to raising standardized test scores would be a consistent curriculum throughout the school for cohesion as students transition to each grade level.

"We do not have a consistently aligned rigorous ... curriculum in line," said Medeiros. Teachers of grades K through 2 have been "pulling from different areas," while grades 3 and up have been following one curriculum. Medeiros said one consistent curriculum throughout every grade level would assist along with flextime.

"[Flextime] is an explanation of the pronounced skill (in other schools)," stated Assistant Superintendent Elise Frangos.

Medeiros said RMS had flextime as part of the school day back in 2007 to 2009 before the new school building was built, and added that the effect of the absence of flextime is reflected in the school's lower MCAS scores.

"Collaborative intervention is important," said School Committee Chairman Sharon Hartley.

Medeiros did state that they should expect another possible dip in scores with the new PARCC exam this year, but any decrease in test scores will not count against the school during the pilot run of the assessment.

In other matters, the committee voted to approve the renegotiation of the lease for the private preschool now renting space at RMS.

Program Director Janet Gauvin asked the committee if she could change the terms of her lease and return to the initial rate of \$1,000 per month for the next six months of the lease, which increased to \$1,500 in November as per the lease and is set to increase again to

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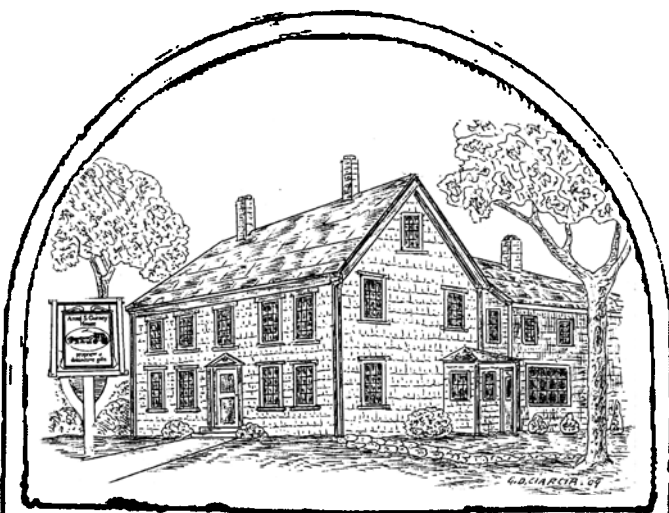
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Medeiros said the new program has taken longer than expected to procure a significant number of students. The goal is to register 25 students, and the program currently has 15.

"It's hard to predict the enrollment data when you're trying to start a program like this," said Medeiros.

"It's a good use of space," said School Committee member Jennifer Kulak. "It's early on in the business. We should extend it out there."

Also during the meeting, Rochester School Committee members had their chance to try a little coding on code.org with the new Chromebooks the Old Rochester Regional School District purchased (three-year lease to own) this year. Some committee members doubted their own abilities to effectively complete the basic coding activities, but soon surprised themselves and lost themselves in the fun.

"Can't get 'em back," said Superintendent White, unable to regain the attention of the committee members who were laughing and enjoying the Chromebooks. "And this is exactly what your kids will do." White said he had his grandchildren experiment with the website and they also enjoyed it. "It's better than babysitting," joked White.

The committee is also excited about the recent improvements to the ORR School District and RMS websites with new Web Coordinator Erin Ptaszenski's assistance over the past month.

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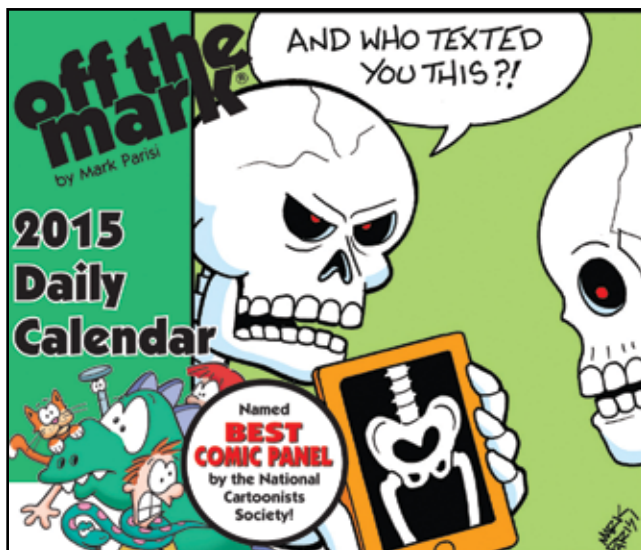
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The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for **January 8** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

School Committee Learns to Code

Mattapoissett School Committee

By Jean Perry

The angry bird and pig that have recently made their way to other Tri-Town school committee meetings came to Mattapoissett on December 8 during a demonstration of the new Chromebooks students will be using, as well as the website code.org on which students will be learning how to code.

Students throughout Tri-Town, along with other students across the country, will be committing to the "Hour of Code" each week, and now Mattapoissett School Committee members understand what exactly students will be doing – having a ball and amazing themselves as they progress through different levels of coding activities aimed at introducing students to computer programming.

Superintendent Doug White told committee members to "make the angry bird chase the pig," and following a few keyboard strokes, that familiar sound of angry bird garble was followed by smiles and laughter.

"You just wrote your first line of code," White told School Committee Chairman James Higgins.

"That's funny," said Higgins.

The district has recently purchased 345 new Chromebooks for students to use within all four school districts, and the Chromebooks will also be utilized during the new online PARCC exam that will replace the MCAS.

White said the addition of the new Chromebooks addresses one of the technology goals in the Strategic Plan, calling for more 1:1 personal devices to be integrated into the curriculum.

"I think it provides a whole new set of tools ... to work collaboratively within the classrooms," said White.

Also during the meeting, Business Administrator Patrick Spencer told the School Committee that playground repairs and the installation of the new fence around the playground at Center School would be completed before December 19, and the RFP calling for bids to repair the playground surfacing at Old Hammondton School opens December 30.

The committee approved the updated Articles of Agreement with the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC), and they also approved authorizing a new Capital Reserve Fund capped at \$500,000 for READS Collaborative.

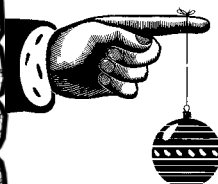
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New Science Teacher Brings New Perspective

ORR Update

By Patrick Briand

Amidst some shakeups in the Science Department, a new chemistry teacher has been somewhat overlooked so far this school year.

Virginia Mattos is a new teacher at Old Rochester Regional High School who comes to our school after Ms. Champagne left to explore other career opportunities at the end of last year. Although her main subject is Chemistry, she has experience in a number of different areas and brings a unique perspective to the local high school.

In an interesting coincidence, Mattos came to this school thanks to the help of the recently retired Mrs. Cabral, whose last day was November 25.

"Mrs. Cabral contacted me, and because I'd interviewed here before, she knew I wanted to work here," said Mattos. "She thought it was a good fit."

So far, Mattos has been teaching Chemistry, which is largely the class for standard science class for sophomores. In addition, she teaches an Environmental Science class.

"I'm licensed to teach chemistry, as well as biology," said Mattos.

One thing that is clear is that Mattos held a wide range of jobs before coming to ORR.



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"Before teaching here, I had a lot of different jobs," she said. "I've been teaching for six years. Before that, I worked as an X-ray tech, bridal consultant, sold exotic cars and motorcycles, worked at a gym, and managed an American Eagle." She continued, "I taught while I was living in California."

So far, Mattos said she likes the position.

"It's really good. I like the people I work with, and the students are great," said Mattos. "I hope I can broaden the electives offered in the Science Department."

With that said, it now seems that having Mattos in the Science Department is even more important with Cabral retired. It is safe to say that Ms. Mattos adjusts well to change, and she is off to a very good start in the high school.

Lessons and Carols

Tabor Academy News

By Julia O'Rourke

Over the past few weeks, Tabor Academy choral groups have been preparing for what is perhaps the most exciting and festive school event of the holiday season.

"Lessons and Carols" is coming up, and students have been rehearsing and singing to make this annual tradition as magical and entertaining as ever. The service, which will be held on Sunday, December 14, is one that always helps kick off the holiday season.

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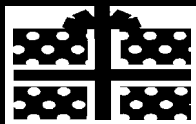
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Six choral groups will perform at the service and one singer is featured as a soloist in the first carol. This is an honor for the chosen performer and is traditionally left a secret until the final rehearsal.

Allie Dawson, a recent Tabor graduate, sung in Lessons and Carols for all four years of her Tabor career.

"I was able to really track my own growth as a performer and as a singer through the performance each year," said Dawson. She recalls the event as one that singers and audience members treated with great respect.

David Horne, an organist and choral teacher at Tabor, has composed a piece "Gloria caritas, pax et amor," for this year's service. The text of "Gloria" is set to music and the Tabor singers have been learning and rehearsing it, which was put together in the fall. This song is a seasonal one and is intended to lack a religious nature given that Tabor is non-denominational.

The service includes pieces from a number of different religious backgrounds rather than solely of Christian origin. This piece will run parallel with the peaceful theme of the service.

"There are few things at Tabor that meant as much to me as Lessons and Carols did," said Dawson. "I am incredibly excited to return to the chapel to see it this year, and I know I will be both proud and humbled to see it as an audience member for the first time."

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Winter Sports Preview: Boys' and Girls' Basketball

ORR Sports Update

By Michael Kassabian

For the Old Rochester Regional High School

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Last year, the boys' basketball team put on one of the strongest showings in ORR history, placing second in the South Coast Conference and advancing all the way to the Division 3 South Sectional Semifinal, where they were eliminated by eventual state champions Cardinal Spellman. But with all of the highs that came last season, there is one low that the returning varsity squad cannot shake off.

"It was really tough to lose to Case in the last game of the regular season," said senior captain **Jordan Menard**. "With that loss, we lost the SCC Championship to Wareham, but we're definitely going to build on it. We're really motivated since we came so close."



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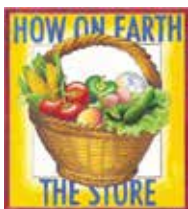


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This would certainly be the year for the Bulldogs to win their first conference championship in over a decade. This past summer at the Old Colony basketball summer league, the Bulldogs defeated Wareham, perennially the toughest team in the SCC, in the championship round by over 20 points. Despite this large victory, Menard admits that it may not be as easy in the season.

"Even though we beat Wareham in summer league, we can't write them off," noted Menard. "They will definitely have improved because of pre-season practice versus just entering the gym at Old Colony and playing."

After losing four of the five starting players, it might seem as if the Bulldogs are entering a rebuilding year. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Even though Menard is the only returning varsity starter, he is joined by **Ryan Beatty, Raekwon Phillips, Evan Santos, and Will Santos**, all who got valuable playing time last year and ought to join Menard in the starting lineup. Though the official team has yet to be announced, it also looks as if freshman **Noah Fernandes** will make a big impact on the court as well.

Menard said the ultimate goal for the Bulldogs is to win states, but they are also gunning for an outright conference championship as well. Standing in their way, however, is height.

"We definitely aren't the biggest team this year, so we'll need everyone to help rebound," said Menard.

The Lady Bulldogs are also driven this season to redeem themselves after a less-than-ideal winter last year. The girls finished their season last year with a 6-15 overall record and a 6-10 conference record, which failed to qualify them for the state tournament. At the helm this year are returning veterans **Ashley Pacheco, Morgan Browning, and Kaleigh Goulart**. Senior captain Pacheco cites the team's amount of returning players and their speed as major assets for the Lady Bulldogs.

"We have a number of varsity returners this year, so it makes the transition a lot easier than starting from a new team," said Pacheco. "Along with that, our speed on the court will be our biggest asset. We have a number of

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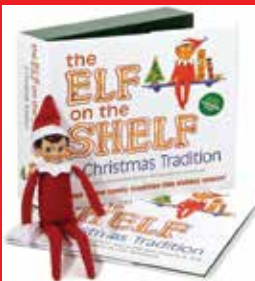
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Like the boys, it seems that the Lady Bulldogs' biggest challenge to overcome will be its lack of height.

"We have maybe two or three girls who are over 5'6" and there are some teams who have multiple players around 5'8," Pacheco pointed out. "Last year we were very timid and weren't sure of ourselves, which caused a lack of offensive scoring, so we will need to work on being aggressive and not being afraid of this height disadvantage. Working together will be the key."

Joining the team for the first time are freshman **Madisen Martin** and New Bedford transfer-student **Devyn Antunes**. Martin is expected to provide a strong presence underneath the basket, while Antunes is a good outside shooter. **Emily Hiller** and **Katelyn Bindas**, both sophomores moving up from the JV squad, are also expected to play well both on offense and defense.

Also like the boys, the Lady Bulldogs have their sights set on a playoff berth.

"Our major goal for this season is to ultimately make it back into the state tournament," said Pacheco. "Last year we failed to qualify and we want to qualify this year to show our growth over the past year and how much hard work we have put in."

The boys' basketball team kicks off their season against Case on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm at ORR. The girls face off against New Bedford on Saturday,

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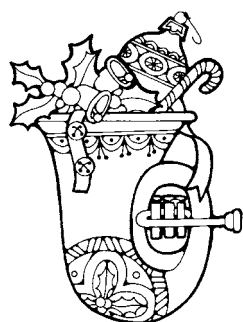
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Tina Albano, Fairhaven

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Movie Extravaganza: The Junior Friends invite children to watch "Frozen" at the library on Tuesday, **December 23** from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Popcorn will be served.

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8:30 AM – The Folklorist
9:00 AM – The Register's Report
9:30 AM – The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Expedition New England
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM – Euromaxx
3:00 PM – Focus On Europe
3:30 PM – Tomorrow Today
4:00 PM – Senior Scene
4:30 PM – The Fox Robbins Business Show
5:00 PM – Physician Focus
5:30 PM – Money Talk
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – VNA Health Highlights
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
8:30 PM – South Coast Rail Conference 2014
9:30 PM – The Chico and BMan Show
10:00 PM – Investigators of the Unknown
11:00 PM – The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show

Friday December 12, 2014

7:30 AM – Fast Forward
7:30 AM – The Song
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Future Talk
9:00 AM – Senior Scene
9:30 AM – Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM – Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Your Money Your Life
2:00 PM – Money Talk
2:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
3:00 PM – Explore
3:30 PM – Global 3000
4:00 PM – Focus on Europe
4:30 PM – Euromaxx
5:00 PM – Connecting for Change 2014
6:00 PM – Disney Memorabilia with Donna Cushman
7:00 PM – Legal Ease

7:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes

8:00 PM – Mario and Dennis Show

8:30 PM – Marion Pathways Presentation

9:30 PM – Graceful Aging

10:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

11:00 PM – Investigators of the Unknown

Saturday December 13, 2014

6:30 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – NASA 360
9:00 AM – I Can Be Me
9:30 PM – The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – Painting Journeys
11:00 AM – The Mario and Dennis Show
11:30 AM – What's Linda Cooking?
Noon – ORCTV Presents: The Cranberry Harvest
12:30 PM – Armchair Quarterback
1:00 PM – Tri Town Veterans Day Events 2014
3:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society Art of Democratic Politics
4:30 PM – Disney Memorabilia with Donna Cushman
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:30 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
7:00 PM – Tina Cooks
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – The Song
8:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Europe in Concert

Sunday December 14, 2014

6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
11:30 AM – The Register's Report
Noon – Sippican Historical Society Art of Democratic Politics
1:30 PM – Buzzard Bay Action Committee
2:00 PM – Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM – First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM – Ekanar
5:30 PM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
6:00 PM – The Sippican Historical

Society Oral History Project

9:00 PM – Tri Town Veterans Day

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11:00 PM – Words of Peace

11:30 PM – The Steve Katsos Show

Monday December 15, 2014

7:30 AM – The Mass Factor
8:00 AM – Euromaxx
8:30 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:00 AM – The Commonwealth Report with Sen. Marc Pacheco
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – VNA Health Highlights
10:30 AM – Tomorrow and Today
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Cooking With Marie
2:00 PM – Physician Focus
2:30 PM – Hollywood Makeover
3:00 PM – Explore
3:30 PM – Earth Focus
4:00 PM – Focus on Europe
4:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM – The Register's Report
5:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
6:30 PM – In the Spotlight with Sam Sutter
7:00 PM – Robbi Around Town Presents – Tribute to Classic TV
8:00 PM – ORCTV Presents -Connecting For Change 2014
8:30 PM – Expedition New England
9:00 PM – National Parks Service
9:30 PM – Four Deep Sports
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

Tuesday December 16, 2014

7:00 AM – In Focus
7:30 AM – Sippican Historical Society
8:30 AM – Cooking With Marie
9:00 AM – What's Linda Cooking?
9:30 AM – The Register Report
10:00 AM – Fast Forward
10:30 AM – Melissa Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – In the Fight
2:00 PM – Robbi Around Town Presents – Tribute to Classic TV
3:00 PM – Sci-Fi Journal
3:30 PM – The Sippican Historical Society Oral History Project
4:00 PM – The Song
5:00 PM – Physician Focus
5:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report

with Sen. Marc Pacheco

6:00 PM – Graceful Aging

6:30 PM – Senior Scene

7:00 PM – The Mass Factor

7:30 PM – The Language of Business

8:00 PM – Painting Journeys

9:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers

9:30 PM – The Register's Report

10:00 PM – The Dr. Is In

10:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show

11:00 pm – The National Parks Service Presents

11:30 PM – Mario & Dennis Show

Wednesday December 17, 2014

7:00 AM – Creating Cooperative Kids
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Expedition New England
9:00 AM – The Folklorist
9:30 AM – Hollywood Make Over
10:00 AM – Melissa's Menu
10:30 AM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Marion Natural History Museum – Sea Turtles
3:00 PM – Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Money Talk
5:30 PM – Hollywood Makeover
6:00 PM – Tomorrow and Today
6:30 PM – Robbi Around Town Presents – Tribute to Classic TV
7:30 PM – Euromaxx
8:00 PM – Disney Memorabilia with Donna Cushman
9:00 PM – South Coast Rail Conference 2014
10:00 PM – In the Fight
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Future Talk

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Latest Marion School Committee Meeting
9:30 AM – Latest Marion Conservation Commission Meeting
11:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM – Latest Marion School Committee Meeting
6:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen

Meeting

8:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

10:15 PM – Latest Marion Conservation Commission

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

Verizon Channel 40

Daily Schedule

8:00 AM – Latest Rochester School Committee Meeting
10:00 AM – Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM – Latest Rochester School Committee Meeting
6:00 PM – Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
7:00 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

Comcast Channel 97

Verizon Channel 37

Daily Schedule

7:00 AM – ORR Joint School Committee Meeting
8:45 AM – ORRHS Who Am I?
9:05 AM – Marion Natural History Museum – Sea Turtles
10:25 AM – Bulldog TV Fall Show
11:00 AM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
11:30 AM – ORR Positive Behavior Assembly 2014
Noon – Homecoming Pep Rally
1:30 PM – TV Production Studio Demos
1:55 PM – Bulldog TV Fall Show
2:30 PM – AFS Pumpkin Carving
2:50 PM – TV Production PSA's
3:00 PM – ORR Football vs DR
4:50 PM – Marion Natural History Museum – Sea Turtles
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
6:30 PM – Homecoming Pep Rally
7:15 PM – ORRHS Who Am I?
7:35 PM – ORR Positive Behavior Assembly 2014
8:00 PM – TV Production Studio Demos
8:25 PM – ORR vs Bourne Football
10:15 PM – ORR Joint School Committee

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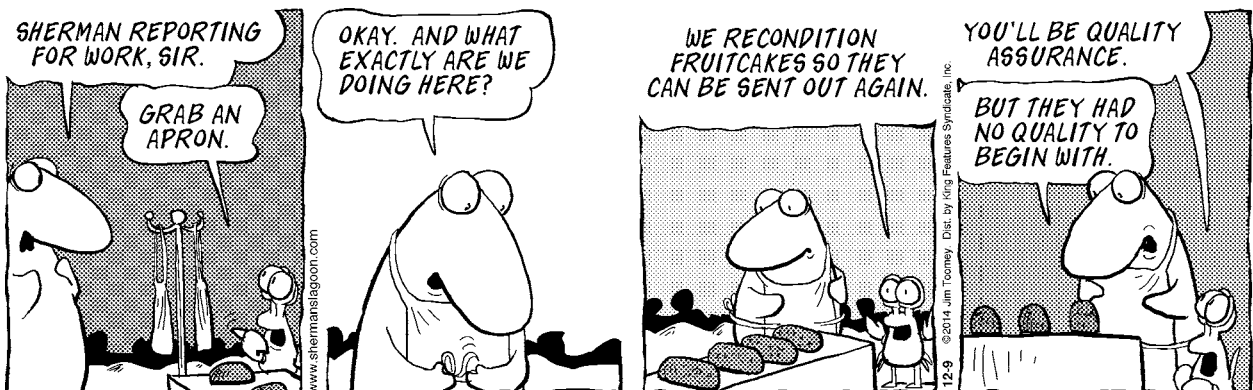
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Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham Lodge No. 1548 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry and farming.

We congratulate Senior Michael Amato of Rochester for being selected by the Old Rochester Regional High School faculty and staff. Michael is a serious language student. He is currently enrolled in AP Spanish, Latin 5 and French 2. In order to reach the top levels in Spanish and Latin, he had to complete a year



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of course work (in each language) on his own outside of school. He is also enrolled in AP English, AP European History and AP Statistics. Michael is the administrator of the student council here at ORR. He is involved in the drama club. He has served as an aide in multiple language teachers' classes over the past four years. He also volunteers assisting English language learning high school students with their homework one night a week through the Massachusetts Migrant Education program in New Bedford.

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Obituaries:

Shirley A. (Spencer) Dufton, 78, of East Falmouth died November 25, 2014. She was the wife of the late Charles R. Dufton.

Born in Boston, the daughter of the late John A.R. and Dorothy E. (Helliwell) Spencer, she lived in Brookline, Wellesley and Falmouth for many years.

She was a 50 year member of Electa Chapter Eastern Star and formerly served as worthy matron.

Survivors include 2 sons, Robert Dufton and his wife Rosemary of Natick and Philip Dufton and his wife Elizabeth of Reading; a daughter, Sheryl Dufton and her companion Marc Normandin of Mattapoisett; a brother, John Spencer of Riverside, CA; a sister, Betsy Peterson of Wilmington, MA; 5 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late Gary Dufton and the sister of the late William Spencer.

Her Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 20th at 11 AM in the Waquoit Congregational Church, 15 Parsons Lane, East Falmouth. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, please www.saundersdwyer.com.yer.com.



Arthur E. Schneider, Jr., 78, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully Tuesday December 2, 2014 at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Ellen R. (Rosselot) Schneider. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he was the son of the late Arthur E. and Ella (Breuschke) Schneider. He resided in Birmingham, Michigan for 15 years before moving to Mattapoisett in 1975. He also lived in Chicago Heights, Ill., Middletown, RI, and Holden, MA, before returning to Mattapoisett for retirement in 1998. He was a member of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Mr. Schneider was formerly employed as a metallurgical engineer, beginning his long career with General Motors at the Fisher Body division in Michigan, then joining the Continental Screw Company in New Bedford where he was the lead engineer, and retiring from the Reed-Rico Company in Holden where he served as the engineer for advanced manufacturing. Arthur was a member of the American Society of Metals and was recently recognized for his lifetime accomplishments in

metallurgical engineering.

He was a professional photographer specializing in weddings. He had a keen interest in amateur photography and enjoyed taking pictures of people at every event he went to. He was an avid computer buff and programmer.

He was a member and Past Master of Pythagorean Lodge, A.F. & A.M. in Marion, a member of the Rufus Putnam Lodge, A.F. & A. M. in Rutland, MA and was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Arthur was an Eagle Scout, and past scout master for many years. He enjoyed outdoor activities, camping and canoeing. He graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit and was active with the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and alumni association for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; his children, Walter T. Schneider and wife Carolyn of New Bedford, N. Douglas Schneider and wife Lynda of Mattapoisett, and Jean M. Londergan and husband David of Oxford; his sister, Marlene A. Hickman and husband Gerald of Midland, MI; his sister-in-law, Katherine Slack and husband Brian of Roanoke, VA; his sister-in-law, Martha Rosselot of Atlanta GA, his grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held on Saturday December 6, 2014 at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Route 6, Mattapoisett, MA. His Memorial Service was held on Monday December 8, 2014 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Memorial fund or the charity of your choice.



Antonio Pereira, Jr., 88, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday December 3, 2014. He was the husband Theresa E. (Cambra) Pereira; they had been married for 37 years.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Antonio and Maria (Alcrist) Pereira.

Until his retirement, Mr. Pereira was employed by Glen Petroleum which was originally established as John Duff and Sons Coal and Oil Company as office manager for 45 years.

During World War II, he proudly served in the United States Navy as a Yeoman Second Class and was

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- Create thank you note paper and get hints on writing great thank you notes!
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ORRJH Students of the Month

Kevin T. Brogioli, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for November, 2014:
 Green Team: Sydney Green and John Egger
 Orange Team: Geneva Smith and Tyler Rose
 Blue Team: Zoe Kelley and Nathan Przybyszewski
 Red Team: Alanna Fitzpatrick and Patrick Igoo
 Special Areas: Delaney Gosse and Colby Alves

Gateway Youth Hockey

Mites: The Gateway Mites tied Nantucket 15-15 in another comeback thriller Saturday. Gateway came out strong from the start of the game, scoring once again off the opening face off. Gateway quickly went up by three, but Nantucket came right back and scored four straight goals. The two teams traded goal for goal as the first period ended with Nantucket up by one goal. Nantucket came out flying in the second and took the lead by five goals going into the third period, and it looked as though there was not enough time for a comeback with eight minutes left. Gateway began to dig deep as a team and turned the tide and got within one goal with two minutes remaining. Nantucket then scored again to take the lead by two with a minute left. **Jarrold Frates** was able to score two quick goals, one coming with only thirty-five seconds left to complete the comeback and erase the five goal deficit. Frates would end the night with 11 goals. The



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other players scoring were **Pat Tripp** with two, while **Lilia Lopez Del Moral** and **Brayden Cannon** each ended with one goal a piece. **Bree Killion** and **Ben Hebble** each had an assist. **Charlie Carroll** played his best game with 45 saves, one coming on a penalty shot with only a minute left. The Gateway Mites once again never gave up and showed their best effort as a team all year.

Pee Wees: The Gateway Pee Wee Team dropped a game against the Southshore Seahawks on Saturday night by a score of 4-2. Gateway played a tough game through the second period which ended with the teams even at two, thanks to two goals by **Ben DeMoranville** who was assisted on both by **Bailey Tieu** and **Austin Fleming**. The Seahawks scored two more goals in the third period, and



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the recipient of the Victory Medal, American Theater Medal, and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal.

Since an early age, Mr. Pereira's greatest sense of accomplishment and passion was his music. He played the clarinet, saxophone and flute with great skill and talent and provided listening and dancing enjoyment to many people throughout his career. Mr. Pereira performed with the Joe Ponte Band and several other organizations.

Mr. Pereira most enjoyed being with his family, friends and his dog Dommie.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa; his stepchildren, Edward Adams and his wife Cristiana of Newtown, CT, and Melissa Trahan of New Hampshire; his daughter-in-law, Gail Pereira of Stonington, CT; his grandchildren, Erin Conlan and her husband Sean of Essex, CT, Matthew Pereira and his wife Megan of Branford, CT, Adam Pereira of Stonington, CT, Sarah Adams of Newtown, CT, and Nicholas and Noah Trahan of New Hampshire; his great-grandchildren, Grace and Claire Conlan and Molly Pereira; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son, Dennis Pereira, and siblings, Augustus and Manuel Pereira, Anibal and Mabel Baroa, and Wilhelmina Murphy.

His Funeral Service was held on Monday at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Burial followed in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours were held on Sunday. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



Roger E. Kelley, 93, of Mattapoisett died December 5, 2014 at home.

He was the husband of Bertha S. (Salvucci) Kelley.

Born in St. Francis, ME, the son of the late Charles and Stella (Sirois) Kelley, he lived in Weston, MA before moving to Mattapoisett in 1964.

He attended the University of Maine and graduated from Boston University. He was formerly employed as an industrial engineer at several locations with General Motors. In 1962, he held engineering and managerial positions with the Acushnet Company, Atlas Tack and PCI Group. In 1976, he formed Management Engineering Consultants (MEC) which specialized in industrial

growth problem solutions by means of computerization (CAD-CAM), serving several companies in fire engine assembly, matching, cold forming and the garment industries. Mr. Kelley taught various industrial technology courses and participated or led seminars at Northeastern University, Boston University, General Motors Institute and SMU, now University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. He published several technological articles. He was a member of several professional organizations, served as vice president of the Boston chapter of the Institute for Industrial Engineering and founded the SouthMassachusetts Industrial Engineering Institute.

Mr. Kelley served as a rifleman with the U.S. Third Army during World War II. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was discharged after being wounded in action at Trier, Germany. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon with one service star.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Susan Akin of Mattapoisett; 2 sons, Dr. Roger Kelley, Jr. and his wife Susan of New Orleans, LA and David Kelley of Arlington, VA; a brother, Paul Kelley of Fort Kent, ME; 4 grandchildren, Kimberly Watrous, Barbara Tillman, Bradford Kelley and Brian Kelley; 2 great-grandchildren, Julia Tillman and Foster Tillman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 13th at 9 AM in St. Anthony's Church. Burial will follow in Cushing Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6 Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 473 South St. W#13, Raynham, MA 02767. For online guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Gateway was not able to come back from the deficit, even after pulling the goalie for the extra skater in the last few minutes.

Bantams: The Gateway Youth Hockey Bantams defeated Canton 4-2 on Saturday night. For the second week in a row, GYH was down by a goal midway through the first period. This time it was **Coleby Paling** from the blue-line, finding **Mike Ripley** positioned in front for his first goal of the season. Canton regained the lead a minute later, but with just over a minute remaining in the period, **Jackson St. Don's** wrist deflected off-blocker and in to knot the game at two. In the second period, St. Don assisted as Ripley added his second tally of the game. **Robert Ramsay** secured the victory by adding an

insurance goal in the third. **Matt Youlden** had a pair of assists in the game, and **Jake DeMoranville** had one as well. **Steven Strachan** was perfect in net and came up with some timely saves at critical points in the second and third periods.

Middle School 1: The Middle School 1 team took home another win Friday night, pulling out a 4-0 win over the Lady Spitfires. Just like the first time they played the Spitfires, it took the Jr. Vikings a little while to get going. **Quirino doCanto** starting the scoring about 12 minutes into the first period, assisted by **Zack Lovendale** and **Seth Tomasik**. **Coleby Paling** scored less than a minute into the second period on a great shift, doing a lot of work himself, attacking the net and putting home

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Dr. Kate Marmelo graduated from Bishop Stang High School and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Providence College (class of 2000). In 2004, she received her Doctorate of Optometry from New England College of Optometry. Dr. Marmelo purchased the Pearle Vision in North Dartmouth in 2010 where she examines patients of all ages. Dr. Marmelo resides in Mattapoisett with her husband and three children.

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Santa Claus arrived like a celebrity on December 8 at the annual Rochester Tree Lighting at Town Hall. Hundreds turned out to greet Santa, listen to the RMS chorus and band play Christmas carols, and watch as the flick of a switch lit up the tree, symbolizing the official start of Christmas in Rochester. Photos by Felix Perez



Christmas lights glimmer on the water in the middle of Sippican Harbor for the first time. Jay Wurts, owner of Little Island, and his partner Catherine Lacause decorated the trees on the small half-acre island for Christmas, using a solar cell battery to power 1,000 LED lights. Photo submitted by Catherine Lacause

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a shot right over the goalie's shoulder. After taking a 2-0 lead into the third, **Peter Pimental** put home his eighth goal of the season, with assists from **Wylde Latulippe** and Lovendale. The Jr. Vikings scored just three minutes later with **James L'Heureux** finding doCanto in front of the net, wide open, for the fourth and final goal of the game. **Alex DeMarco** earned his second consecutive shutout, not allowing a goal in the last 102 minutes of play. The Middle School 1 team will be on the ice again on December 26.

December 11th AHA! Night

The holidays are upon us, and there's something for everyone on your list in downtown New Bedford. Shop local and give the gift of supporting your local economy on **December 11** when AHA! celebrates all things "Made in NB."

Bring a canned good or gently-used winter clothes to drop off at Civic Support (36 North Water St., floor 2) to help benefit Catholic Social Services.

AHA! (Arts, History and Architecture!) is a FREE family-friendly event held rain or shine on the second Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 9:00 pm in historic downtown New Bedford – but feel free to arrive early and stay late.

Here are just a few of the evening's events. For a full list, visit www.ahanewbedford.org.

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Marion's Police Brotherhood held its 3rd annual toy drive and pancake breakfast with Santa at Sippican School on December 6. Families were asked to bring new unwrapped toys, and in return they were given a delicious pancake breakfast and a photo with Santa. The toys are being donated to the Justice Resource Institute, which provides a wide range of services to at-risk families and individuals. Photos by Marilou Newell



Brownell Systems helped the Mattapoisett Land Trust kicked off the holiday season at the Dunseith Gardens by placing the Christmas hat on Satly's. Photo by Paul Lopes

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Swing by the South End and shop local at the Judith Klein Art Studio's 6th Anniversary Exhibit. (127 Rodney French Blvd. Door #31).

Head to Gallery 65 (65 William St.) for the opening reception for "The Luminous Landscape," plus a jewelry trunk show.

Alison Wells Fine Art Studio & Gallery (106 William St.) presents "Pint-Size Holiday," a collection of small paintings, plus New Bedford-themed greeting cards.

Kids can join the 1850s Ladies in making paper tree ornaments from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Corson building at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (33 William St.).

Kids can also build historic homes with Waterfront Historic Areas League (WHALE.) They'll work from WHALE's "Towers, Turrets & Tenements" book, 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the New Bedford Free Public Library (613 Pleasant St.). While you're there, check out the wintery images from the art collection and archives, along with a collection of vintage snowmen.

Make your own seashell ornaments at the Buzzards Bay Coalition (114 Front St.) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Mild

By Rob Gonsalves
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Wild. Starring Reese Witherspoon and Laura Dern.
Directed by Jean-Marc Vallée. Running time: 115
minutes. MPAA rating: R.

Pushing forty now (she turns 39 next March), Reese Witherspoon has long since shed the girlishness she had in early, attention-getting performances in *Freeway* and *Election*. She still has the drive, though, and in *Wild* we don't question whether her character, Cheryl Strayed, will see her impossible goal through. Strayed, who wrote about her adventure in an acclaimed memoir, set out in 1995 to hike the Pacific Crest Trail despite having no backpacking experience. Strayed did this in part to get out of her own suffering head, after losing her mom to cancer and wallowing in annihilating grief. The way Witherspoon plays it, the hike is almost just one more way for Cheryl, an intelligent but complexly miserable woman, to punish herself.

Wild was an Oprah-approved book, and the Oprah website offers more than twenty inspirational quotes from its pages, but the movie is rather short on bromides. There are some here and there, but mainly the film respects the intractability of despair. Whatever positive meaning Cheryl's mother Bobbi (Laura Dern) might have wanted Cheryl to take from it, Bobbi still died at 45 without having found her own life. Dern, though, gives us a woman who lunges at any shard of joy or freedom, and makes Bobbi's positivity seem more tough-minded than depression or nihilism. Cheryl walks, she tells us, in hopes that she will meet in herself the woman her mother raised her to be. We may not doubt that Cheryl will finish the hike, but we're not at all sure what kind of woman she will meet at the end of it.

Overflowing with rich but unsentimental scenery, the movie benefits from clear-eyed direction by Jean-Marc Vallée, whose *Dallas Buyers Club* last year shared *Wild*'s compassion for flawed Americans and certainty that people will behave with kindness given the chance. Cheryl encounters a lot of men on her journey, not all of whom seem nice, though the first guy she runs into looks like a creep but ends up offering her a meal and a shower.



(No strings attached; he's contentedly married.) Cheryl is no prude: part of what she's trying to escape is her period of anguished, drugged-out promiscuity. The movie doesn't judge her for that -- it simply allows that Cheryl has burned through it into a need for something purer.

Wild is the third movie to be released this year about a woman who goes solo walkabout; there was also *Tracks*, based on another desert-hike memoir, and the underseen *Redwood Highway*. Of the three, *Wild* has the obvious Oscar push behind it, but I prefer *Redwood Highway* and Shirley Knight's lovely performance in it, as a kind of Cheryl Strayed forty years later. Still, *Wild* is decent enough as a bookend piece to *Dallas Buyers Club*, with a drifting, trippy-melancholic tone governed by Simon and Garfunkel's "El Condor Pasa" (with its binary "I'd rather be a...than a..." construction). Cheryl keeps pursuing her mom, hallucinating her at times, but to where is Bobbi trying to guide her? We have a good idea where she wants to steer Cheryl away from, but towards what?

At the end, Cheryl tells us that later on, after the narrative ends, she will marry a man and have two kids. This is fine, if it was what Cheryl chose and wanted in actual life; but why seal the movie with reassurances that Cheryl finally got off the trail of solitude and became a mom just like *her* dear old (young) mom? Do we need that? Does the movie? I say we don't and it doesn't; it carries the unattractive implication that all an unhappy woman needs are the right man and a couple of babies. I'm sure that's not what Witherspoon (also one of the producers) intended. Right? Or is it not reassurance at all, but a kind of warning? I'll need to mull it over; *Wild* is not generally a movie that says a man, or anything else, will fix whatever ails a woman.

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'Tis the season for holiday music! The New Bedford High School Drama Club will carol along William Street and Custom House Square. Plus Pilgrim United Congregational Church presents a Holiday Sing-a-long from 7:00 to 8:30 pm (635 Purchase St.).

WBSM DJ Phil Paleologas will broadcast live from Custom House Park, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Cafe Arpeggio (800 Purchase St.) hosts a special holiday concert with the String Benders from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, followed by their weekly open mic from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

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MARION

Log highlights Nov 30-Dec 6

- Water St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Pine Hill Ln – Annoying phone calls
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Larceny/past
- Allen St – Gunshots reported
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Hunting violation
- Point Rd – MV accident
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Graham St – EMS
- Mill St – Assist other police dept
- Front St – MV accident
- Rezendes Ter – Paper service
- Cross Neck Rd – Annoying phone calls
- Main St – medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Lewis St – Lockout
- Joanne Dr – Gunshots reported
- Mill St – MV accident
- Cove St – Medical emergency
- Mill St – Medical emergency
- Register Rd – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Front St – Medical emergency
- Barros Dr – Medical emergency
- Dexter Rd – Medical emergency
- Wareham Rd – MV accident
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- South St – Health/welfare

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Nov 30-Dec 6

- County Rd - Disturbance
- North St - Disturbance
- Fairhaven Rd – Arrest/adult
- Bayberry Ln – Restraining order service
- County Rd – Restraining order service
- Homestead Ct – Family offense
- Barstow St – Disorderly person
- Church St – Health/welfare
- County Rd - Rape
- Holmes St – Follow up investigation
- Wolf Island Rd - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Ambulance request
- River Bend Ln – Annoying phone calls
- Holmes St – Restraining order service
- County Rd – Restraining order service
- Holmes St – Search warrant
- County Rd - Disturbance
- County Rd – Ambulance request
- Church St - Disturbance
- County Rd – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Restraining order service
- County Rd – Domestic disturbance
- County Rd – Restraining order service
- County Rd – Restraining order service
- Marion Rd – Arrest/warrant
- Barlow Ln – Ambulance request
- Brandt Island Rd – B&E
- Acorn Ln – Summons service
- Brandt Island Rd – Summons service

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Nov 30-Dec 6

- Braley Hill Rd – Ambulance request
- Stuart Rd – Firearms violations
- Stuart Rd – Noise complaint
- Snipatuit Rd – B&E
- Snipatuit Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Bennett Rd – Fire/other
- Snipatuit Rd - Investigation
- High St – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- High St - Investigation
- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Snipatuit Rd – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Paper service
- Paulines Way – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- North Ave – Ambulance request
- Bennett Rd – Restraining order service
- New Bedford Rd – Officer wanted
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Paulines Way – Paper service
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV accident
- Hartley Rd - Lockout
- Wordell St - Threats
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance request
- Hartley Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/arrest

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Dec 15: Krunch lite fish w/ tartar sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, peas & mushrooms, whole wheat bread, apricots

Tuesday, Dec 16: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, Scandinavian veggie blend, multigrain roll, applesauce

Wednesday, Dec 17: Vegetable soup, oyster crackers, honey lime roast chicken, au gratin potatoes, dinner roll, navel orange

Thursday, Dec 18: Roast turkey w/gravy, garlic whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, jell-o cake, diet: sugar free jell-o

Friday, Dec 19: Sloppy Joe, hamburger bun, hash browns, country blend veggies, pears

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 15: Crispy chicken club sandwich, bacon, lettuce & tomato, spicy roasted chickpeas, mayo, BBQ sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 16: Creamy mac & cheese, broccoli salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 17: Stuffed crust pizza, assorted veggie sticks w/ dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 18: French toast or

mini cinnamon rolls, light sausage, hashbrowns, maple syrup, fruit, milk
Friday, Dec 19: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, steamed carrots, warm bread stick, fruit, milk, holiday Italian ice!

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Dec 15: Crispy chicken club sandwich, bacon, lettuce & tomato, spicy roasted chickpeas, mayo, BBQ sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 16: Creamy mac & cheese, broccoli salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 17: Stuffed crust pizza, assorted veggie sticks w/ dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 18: French toast or mini cinnamon rolls, light sausage, hashbrowns, maple syrup, fruit, milk
Friday, Dec 19: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, steamed carrots, warm bread stick, fruit, milk, holiday Italian ice!

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Dec 15: Toasted cheese sandwich - add ham or tomato! Tomato soup, oyster crackers, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 16: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, steamed corn, warm biscuit, carrot & celery

sticks, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 17: Baked ziti w/ cheese, cheesy bread stick, Caesar salad, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 18: Fish n chips, potato crunch fish filet, coleslaw, warm biscuit, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

Friday, Dec 19: Quesadilla: cheese, chicken or beef, lettuce & tomato, salsa, sour cream, refried beans, Spanish style slaw, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Dec 15: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, spicy roasted chickpeas, mayo, BBQ sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 16: Creamy mac & cheese, broccoli salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 17: Stuffed crust pizza assorted veggie sticks w/dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 18: French toast or mini cinnamon rolls, light sausage, hashbrowns, maple syrup, fruit, milk

Friday, Dec 19: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, steamed carrots, warm bread stick, fruit, milk, holiday Italian ice!

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Dec 15: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, spicy roasted chickpeas, mayo, BBQ sauce, ketchup, fruit, milk

Tuesday, Dec 16: Creamy mac & cheese, broccoli salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, Dec 17: Stuffed crust pizza, assorted veggie sticks w/ dressing, fruit, milk

Thursday, Dec 18: French toast or mini cinnamon rolls, light sausage, hashbrowns, maple syrup, fruit, milk

Friday, Dec 19: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, steamed carrots, warm bread stick, fruit, milk, holiday Italian ice!

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Dec 15: Asian chicken bowl & bread

Tuesday, Dec 16: Steak sub, cheese, peppers & onions, corn & chips

Wednesday, Dec 17: Mozzarella cheese sticks, marinara sauce & fries

Thursday, Dec 18: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans & garlic bread

Friday, Dec 19: Popcorn chicken, carrots & fries

Zoo Goes Wild with Holiday Spirit!

The Buttonwood Park Zoo's third annual Holiday Zoobilee offers visitors the chance to experience the holidays in a wildly unique way. Families will learn how the Zoo's animals stay active through special holiday-themed keeper chats and animal enrichment. Children will be able to deliver their holiday wish list to Santa and decorate a yummy sugar cookie in the Wildlife Education Building. Both the Black Bear Express and Wildlife Carousel rides are included in the Holiday Zoobilee admission and are weather permitting. The Zoo's annual Bear on the Branch scavenger hunt will provide families with many clues to create their very own Holiday adventure.

In addition to these return favorites, the Zoo has added several new and exciting features to this year's Holiday Zoobilee. Zoo staff will offer fun activities to assist community families with ways to "green" their holidays. Children will be able to create their own recyclable wrapping paper and experience the touch and feel of the Holidays with sensory stations and fun facts about evergreens. The Zoo will be adorned with an assortment of decorations made from recycled materials. These green ideas are simple to re-create and the Zoo encourages visitors to borrow a few ideas for their own homes.

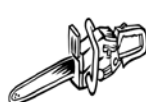
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- 1 Rest lazily
7 "Fame" singer
16 Wood-trimming tool
20 Ice-block houses
21 Bottom-line costs
22 Taunt in fun
23 Talks Texas-style while trapped by some rubble?
25 Era-spanning story
26 Legislator in D.C.
27 Crowded
28 — Magnon man
29 Part of rpm
30 "As — often the case ..."
31 Things enjoyed at a beer-selling gallery?
38 — charge (gratis)
41 Become swollen
42 Dried out
43 "Quiet down!"
44 What major flooding may do to an Australian state?

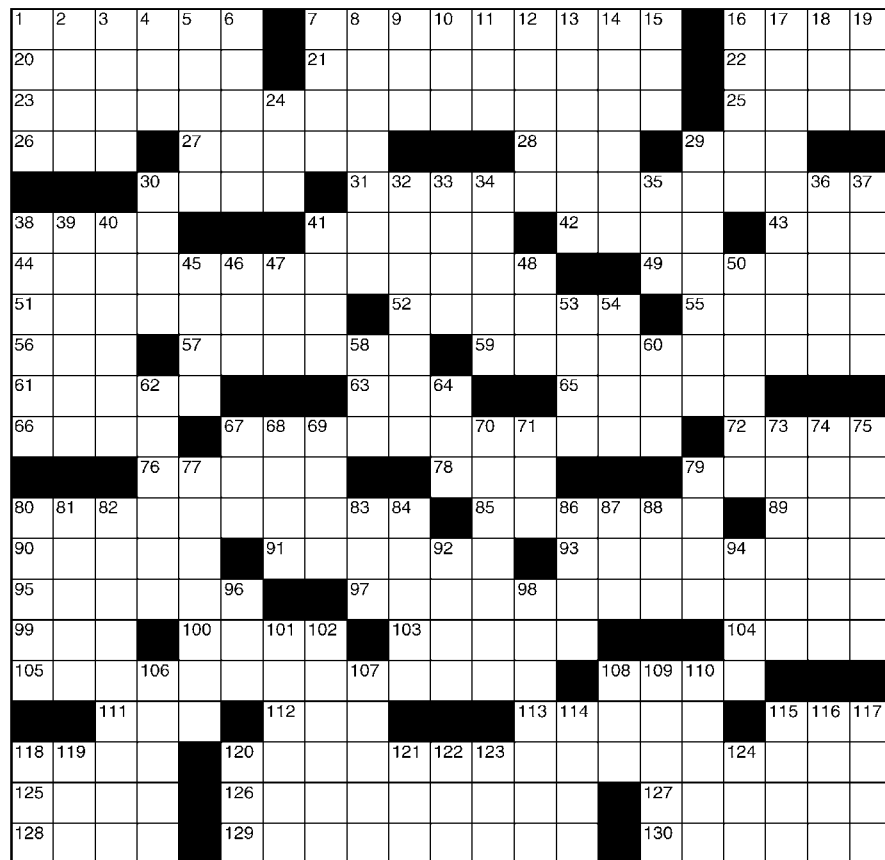
- 49 Hammy actor
51 Item swiped for credit
52 Sums of cash
55 "There is Nothin' Like —" ("South Pacific" song)
56 Suffix with fool or ghoul
57 A law unto —
59 Order
61 Game with pawns
63 Baby tiger
65 "— Gold" (Peter Fonda film)
66 SSE part
67 Dull color worn by violinists?
72 Gem with a play of colors
76 John Hersey's "A Bell for —"
78 Prefix with physics
79 Take potshots (at)
80 Papas who love pekee?
85 Riches
89 Elite retreat
90 Second part of a play

- 91 Not live, as a TV show
93 Shark to watch out for
95 Team esteem
97 Gorgeous resident of Rome?
99 Brian of Roxy Music
100 Nest eggs for srs.
103 Aleve rival
104 Cure- — (panaceas)
105 Dog trained to load ships?
108 "The Man" Musial
111 Seat winners
112 Sorority letters
113 Hideaways
115 Hedge shrub
118 Conical-bore instrument
120 Boy shopping for foppish clothes?
125 Loathsome
126 Very big dog
127 Broadway's "Miss —"
128 See 117-Down
129 "The Divine Sarah" of stage and screen

- 130 Data-entry person
DOWN
1 Pan toppers
2 Real meanie
3 — Bator
4 At once
5 Top medals
6 Twisty paths
7 Little hotels
8 Gave out new hands
9 Summer, in Toulon
10 "On the Media" airer
11 Time of note
12 About, in dates
13 Squirrel food
14 Modify, as a program
15 Set a price of
16 Totally lost
17 Proxima Centauri, e.g.
18 — and zag
19 Sorority letter
24 Game using a large deck
29 Fabricated in advance
30 Ames' home
32 Wall-to-wall people, e.g.
33 Poi base
34 Jellyfish woe
35 Rapping "Dr."
36 Main topic

- 37 Mole's kin
38 Counsel
39 Singer
Yearwood
40 Quick bites
41 F precursors
45 CBS military drama
46 Large tank
47 CPA hirer
48 Ireland's —
Lingus
50 Like a heavy favorite
53 In- — -face
54 Toni Morrison bestseller
58 PC monitor type
60 la. neighbor
62 Arenas
64 Plead
67 Rage
68 — -Aryan
69 Bring to ruin
70 Braid anew
71 Fawn nurse
73 Flower part
74 Plea
75 Finds out
77 Many newspapers
79 Mets' old ballpark
80 Housebroke
81 — Lodge
82 Appalling
83 Takeoff abbr.
84 Kitchen wrap

- 86 — nitrite (angina treatment)
87 Chou En- —
88 Blast stuff
92 Mani- —
94 Actor Arkin
96 Make a gaffe
98 "The Lost Weekend"
101 Hope (to)
102 Silk spinner
106 Genuflected
107 Chinese, e.g.
108 Punker
Vicious
109 Amorous rendezvous
110 Test, as ore
114 Work without —
115 Berra of baseball
116 Valentine's Day god
117 With 128-Across, sped
118 A bit askew
119 Furry scarf
120 Soviet Union spy org.
121 Ultimate degree
122 Toothpaste tube letters
123 — es Salaam
124 Helpful lead



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use that Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to take it on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings don't interfere with the more pragmatic matters you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore those doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. A weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap -- yet. You might still have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide that much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up. That unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult. But the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your pre-holiday scheduling. Try to give time both to your workday responsibilities and those personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about that painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including that personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to hope.

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sure to melt the hearts of young children. Both characters will be available for a meet and greet from 12:00 - 2:00 pm at the Zoo's Buttonwood Barn.

For the third year, the Buttonwood Park Zoo is proud to partner with local area schools for Holiday Zoobilee. Culinary students from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School will make sugar cookies for children to decorate at Holiday Zoobilee while the visual design students have designed the Bear on the Branch scavenger hunt clues.

The Zoological Society has offered local area elementary students a ticket for their perfect attendance during the month of November. For the past two years, the Zoo provided each New Bedford Public School elementary student with perfect attendance a free ticket to visit Holiday Zoobilee. The Zoological Society is expanding their November perfect attendance ticket program to include additional local elementary schools this year. "The Zoological Society is proud to partner with local area schools to highlight the accomplishment of these students," stated Kristen Gray, Director of Society Operations. "With the focus of our mission being education based, it is a perfect match to celebrate the success of our community students and encourage experiences that will create a lifelong interest in learning."

The Holiday Zoobilee admission prices for Zoo Members are \$9/adult and \$6/child and the pricing for non-members is \$14/adult; \$11/child with all children



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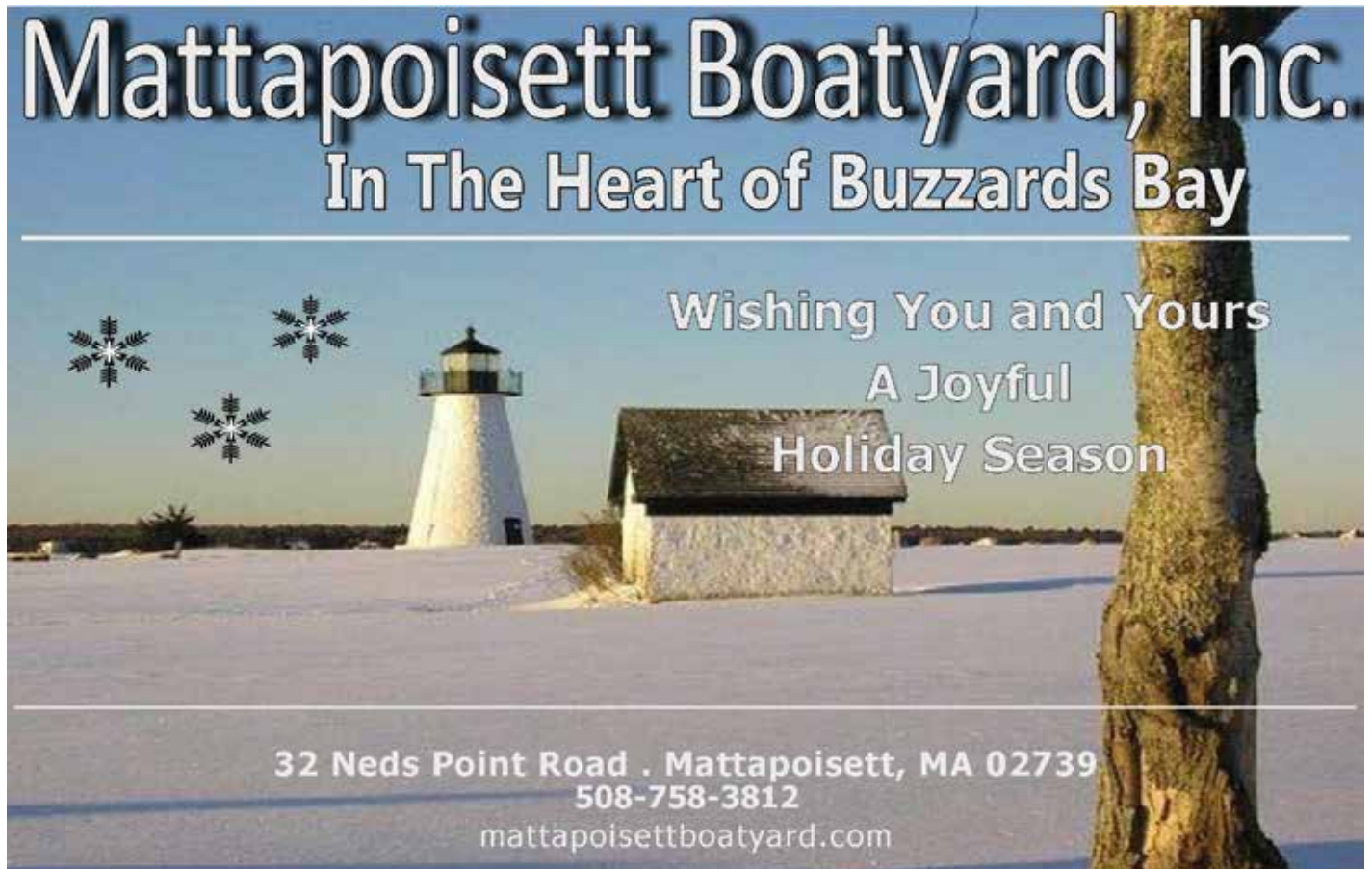
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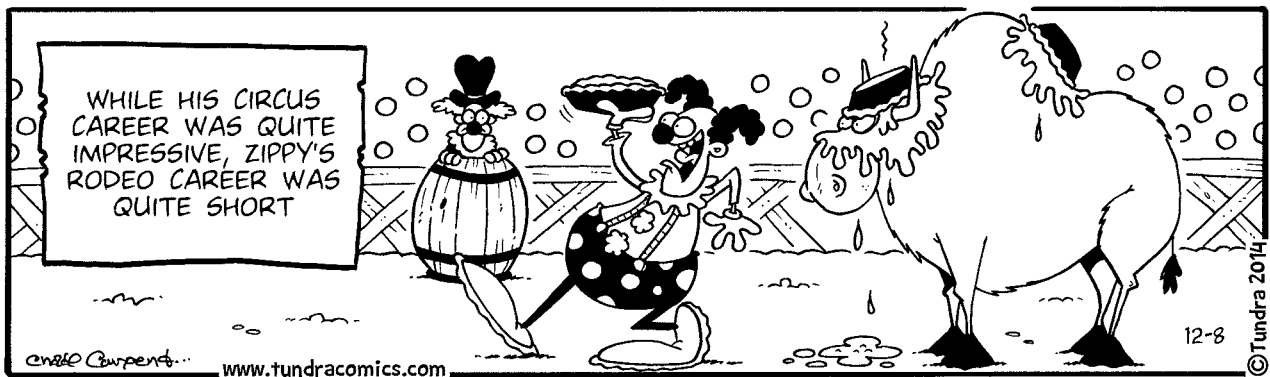
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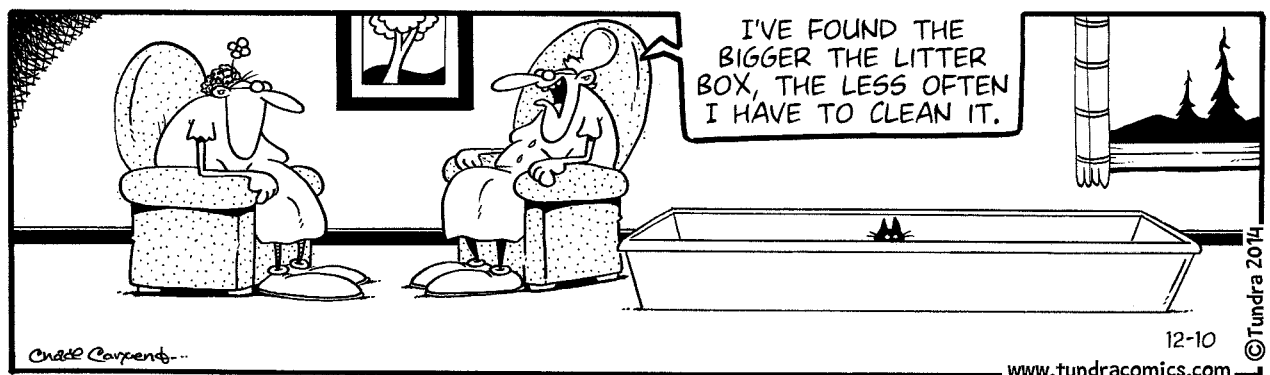
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under three being free. The Zoo is open exclusively for Holiday Zoobilee on **December 13-14 and 20-21** from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm and will be closed for regular admission on those days. For more information about Holiday Zoobilee, please visit www.bpzoo.org.

Old Rochester's Winter Farmers' Market

The Old Rochester's Winter Farmers' Market will be held on Saturday, **December 13** from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. The market will have a number of vendors that provide fresh vegetables, cheeses, breads, goodies, soups, homemade wool items, meat, coffee, homemade pizza, soaps, olive oil, local wines, yogurt, knife sharpening, artisan crafts and much more! This month's market will have special entertainment to celebrate the holiday season. Starting at 11:00 am, we will have a performance by the "Showstoppers" as well as a visit from the Mattapoisett Fire Department's truck carrying Santa and Mrs. Clause to visit with the children at the market. Free holiday face-painting will be available for children of all ages. The market runs every month on the second Saturday at the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School's gymnasium. Check out who will be at the market and what they will have on <http://rfmarket.blogspot.com>.

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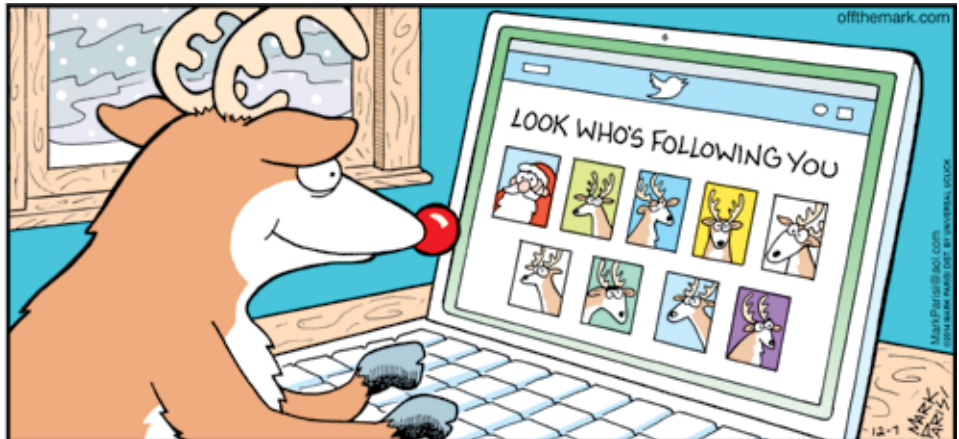
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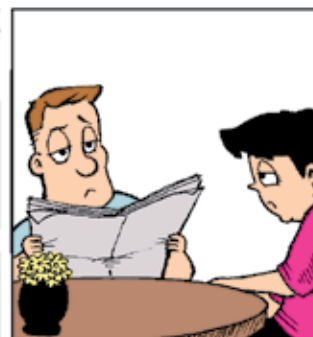
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- **January 7:** *What the Dead Know* by Laura Lippman
- **February 4:** *Mr. Mercedes* by Stephen King
- **March 4:** *Broken Harbor* by Tana French
- **April 1:** *Strangers* by Bill Pronzini
- **May 6:** *Bad Wolf* by Nele Neuhaus
- **June 3:** *On What Grounds* by Cleo Coyle

Please stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library to register and reserve the monthly book!

Winter Recipe Exchange, **December 16** at 4:00 pm: In need of some new hearty winter recipes? We'll be swapping our favorites with others in the community and taking a look at ways to use Pinterest to find even more recipes online! Please bring a copy of your favorite recipe with you and we will make the copies for you to exchange! To register, please call the Elizabeth Taber Library at 508-748-1252 or email Libby O'Neill at eoNeill@sailsinc.org.

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Grateful: Voices From Around the World by Anne Kubitsky.

First Congregational Church Holiday Luncheon

Stop by the First Congregational Church of Marion on Saturday, **December 13** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm for the 24th Annual Holiday Luncheon. Enjoy a delicious lunch stop while on the Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour or come for a welcome break from the holiday rush.

Hot chicken salad, cranberry gelatin salad, assorted breads and beverages will be served. Cherry Berries on a Cloud is the special holiday dessert. Cost of the luncheon is \$10.

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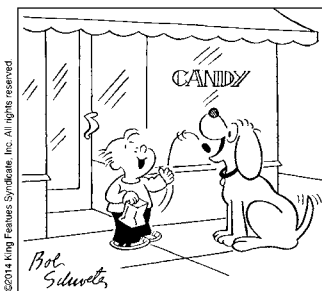
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The Council on Aging, in conjunction with the Marion Garden Club, will be holding a craft sale on **December 13** from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Music Hall. Please come see our local artisans' work and pick up your greens from the Garden Club at the same time.

New England Irish Harp Orchestra

Everyone is welcome to the reading rooms at the Mattapoisett Library for a holiday concert by the New England Irish Harp Orchestra on Sunday, **December 14** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Traditional and popular Christmas tunes as well as holiday music from other traditions will be performed. In addition to the harps, Claudia Altimus of New Hampshire, a well-known whistle player, will also perform. The event is being sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust.

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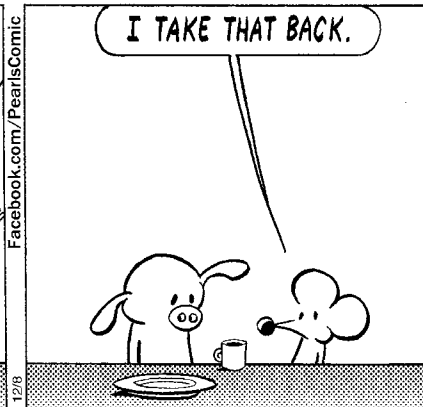
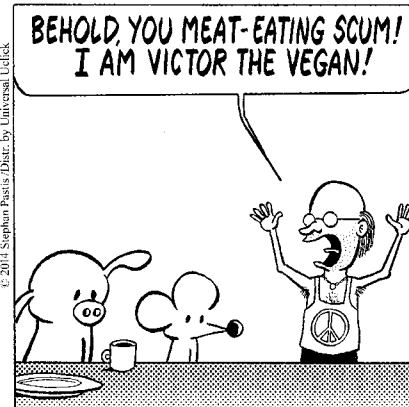
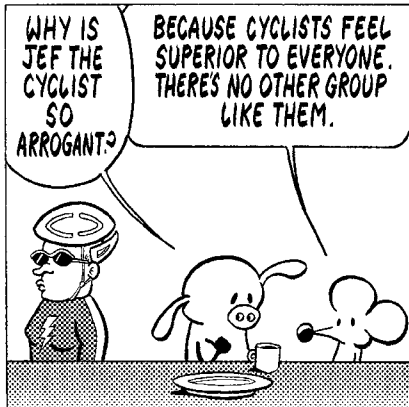
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This year, Tabor students will perform an original composition by their conductor and organist, David Horne, entitled, "Gloria caritas, pax et amor." It was composed this fall for Tabor choral groups and sets the entire text of the Gloria to music in nine separate pieces.

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Horne explained, "What I have tried to do with the Gloria is evoke the universal themes of rebirth: of light from dark, order from chaos, and hope of peace on Earth to all people of good will. The story reminds us that the way to peace is not from the application of the precepts of any particular religion, but rather from the reminder not to let 'careless thought, action or deed divide us and let us love one another with sincere hearts.' This is the message of the benediction to the Gloria that the Tabor Tones and Men's Chamber Choir sing at the very end and effectively sums up the meaning of the service."

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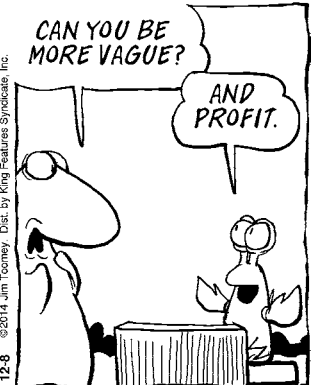
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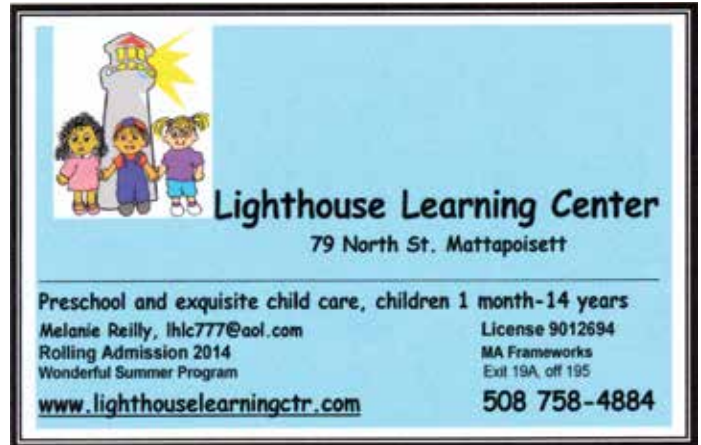


Sippican Woman's Club Holiday House Tour

Save the date! The annual Holiday House Tour will be held from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm on Saturday, **December 13** when five Marion homeowners will open their homes to the tour. The theme this year is 'White Christmas, With a Sparkle'.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on Tour Day. Advance tickets can be purchased in Marion at the General Store, The Bookstall and Serendipity by the Sea and in Mattapoisett at Isabelle's in the Ropewalk or by mail: send a check for the total amount to Tickets, Sippican Woman's Club, P.O. Box 121, Marion, MA 02738. On Tour Day, retrieve your 'Will Call' Tour brochures at the Coldwell Banker Realty office in Handy's Tavern at 152 Front Street, Marion, MA. Tickets can also be purchased from members of the Sippican Women's Club.

Until Tour Day, the list of houses on the Tour is kept secret from all by a few. The Tour begins at Handy's Tavern, which has been decorated in true 'White Christmas, With a Sparkle', then proceeds to the five local



homes that have been selected for special historical or architectural interest, and ends with the hospitality of the Sippican Woman's Club at the Sugarplum Fairy Tea held at the Parish Hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church (2:00 to 4:00 pm). The tea and goodies provided are included in the cost of the ticket.

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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 11:	11:02	11:33	3:49	4:29
Friday	December 12:	11:44	...	4:36	5:12
Saturday	December 13:	12:19	12:27	5:28	6:02
Sunday	December 14:	1:05	1:12	6:30	7:01
Monday	December 15:	1:53	2:01	7:44	8:03
Tuesday	December 16:	2:43	2:55	8:54	8:58
Wednesday	December 17:	3:37	3:53	9:50	9:45
Thursday	December 18:	4:30	4:48	10:39	10:29
Friday	December 19:	5:20	5:40	11:25	11:13
Saturday	December 20:	6:08	6:28	...	12:09
Sunday	December 21:	6:54	7:16	12:01	12:57
Monday	December 22:	7:41	8:04	12:44	1:43
Tuesday	December 23:	8:30	8:54	1:32	2:29
Wednesday	December 24:	9:20	9:46	2:22	3:14
Thursday	December 25:	10:13	10:41	3:12	3:59
Friday	December 26:	11:08	11:37	4:05	4:46
Saturday	December 27:	...	12:04	5:03	5:38
Sunday	December 28:	12:34	1:01	6:15	6:40

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon	December 14th December 21st December 28th January 4th
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I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

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In the December 4, 2014 issue the Aardvark was on page 61!

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1. Cover; 2. Admire;
3. Sparse; 4. Serene

Today's Word:
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Sudoku Answer

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6	7	2	3	1	9	8	5	4
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